

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): John C. Opie et al. Docket No.: 32303 00003  
Application No.: 10/618,456 Group Art Unit: 3731  
Filing Date: July 11, 2003 Examiner: Charles H. Sam  
TITLE: PERCUTANEOUS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HARVESTING  
TUBULAR BODY MEMBERS

***TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)***

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office action dated January 16, 2007. This response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Enclosures:

Response to Office Action  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

**FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:**

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra			Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	30	minus	33	= 0	x \$ 50.00	=	\$0.00	
Independent Claims	5	minus	6	= 0	x \$ 200.00		\$0.00	
						Subtotal:	\$0.00	

Fee Calculation: Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

[ ] Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$ 120.00
[ ] Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$ 450.00
[ ] Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$1020.00
[ ] Minus one-month extension fee of \$120.00 previously submitted in response to the Office action.	

Subtotal:

[ X ] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) – add	\$790.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED:	\$790.00
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[ X ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3878 in the amount of \$790.00.  
**A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.**

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3878 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

4/12/07  
Date

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